



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 October 2011 – 11:35 a.m.

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Present:

- His Worship the Mayor, Chalky Leary
- Cr Richard Aslett
- Cr Ed Cherry
- Cr Michelle Fox
- Cr Mike Jones
- Cr Dean McManaway (left before meeting reconvened)
- Cr Richard Peirce
- Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
- Cr Lynne Sheridan
- Cr Andy Watson

In attendance:

- Mrs Clare Hadley, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
- Ms Angela Hobden, Strategic Finance Manager
- Mr Phil Kennerley, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand
- Ms Freddie Quilongquilong, Supervising Auditor, Audit New Zealand
- Ms Laurel Campbell, Governance Administrator

Apologies:

- Cr Jan Byford
- Cr Sarah Harris

1 Council prayer

The prayer was read by His Worship the Mayor.

2 Public forum

There were no public present.

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

That the apologies from Crs Byford and Harris be received.

Crs Aslett/McManaway. Carried

Meeting adjourned 11.37am/reconvened 4.24pm

An apology for early departure was received from Cr McManaway during the workshop, for the reconvened meeting.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

5 Members' Conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Confirmation of Minutes from Council, 29 September 2011

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That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 September 2011 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Watson / Cr Peirce Carried

7 Draft Annual Report 2010/11

Mr Kennerley addressed the meeting. The Council's auditors had reviewed the draft annual accounts and cleared them for adoption. They noted that the recent revaluation of Council's assets had resulted in reduction in the value of some of Council's infrastructure assets due to the current economic climate. They were pleased to see that the actual operating surplus for the year was close to the position that had been planned.

There was some discussion on new auditing standards that are now in place and how Council can best meet these.

Following a required procedure, the Council was asked if (a) they knew of any frauds and (b) they had confidence in the operating and reporting systems. The Council confirmed that it was not aware of any frauds and had confidence in the systems in place.

Cr Sheridan thanked staff and management for all the work that they had done in preparing the draft Annual Report.

Resolved minute number **11/RDC/176** **File Ref** **5-FR-1**

That the covering report (on changes made to the exposure draft of the Annual Report) and the proposed Annual Report 2010/11 be received.

Crs Cherry/Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/RDC/177** **File Ref** **5-FR-1**

That the Mayor, Chief Executive and the Strategic Finance Manager be authorised to sign the letters of representation addressed to the Council's auditors for the year ended 30 June 2011.

Crs Peke-Mason/Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/RDC/178** **File Ref** **5-FR-1**

That the Annual Report 2010/11 be amended by adding the Audit opinion and that it be adopted as amended.

Crs Aslett/Cherry. Carried

8 Late items

None

9 Date of next meeting

27 October 2011, 11.00 am.

10 Meeting closed – 4.47pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____